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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

N Edwards

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. Applicant's election of group I claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 8 in the reply filed on 11/21/06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

2. Claims 4, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 4 line 6-7 "an angle of -45... a certain direction of the metal layer" is vague and indefinite because 1) -45 is unclear to the meaning of the phrase and 2) -45 is relative to a certain direction which is an unknown subjective element. See claims 4 lines 4, 9, and 13 for the same problem (certain direction). Also see claim 7 and 8 for all of the same problems as claim 4. To overcome these rejections simply cancel the claims.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Ogisu '837 (7082,837).

Ogisu'837, a Fuji Jukogyo Kabushiki Kaisha patent, teach a composite comprising a fiber reinforced layers, shape memory alloy (metal) layers, and a damage sensor

laminated to the resin layer which laminated to the shape memory alloy metal layer.
See the abstract and Fig 1, for example. Ogis'837 further teaches a predetermined
starin hass beedn applied to each layer (or film).

5. Claim1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated
by Ogisu '286 (US 6986286).

Ogsui'286 is applied for all the reasons of record supra for Ogisu '837 since there
disclosers are the same (division applications).

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public
use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United
States.

6. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated
by Ogisu'218 (US 6655218).

Ogisu'218 is applied for all the reasons supra for Ogisu' 837 since there disclosures are
the same (division applications).

7. Claims 3 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,
but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of
the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding the IDS dated9/28/04, the lined references where not considered since
applicant provided incorrect PGPub numbers.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Primary Examiner Edwards at telephone number 571-272-1521.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Edwards', is positioned above the printed name.

N Edwards
Primary Examiner
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